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## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. \$1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 27, 2006, Applicant requests reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee, is being filed herewith. Please enter the following amendments.